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Dear Madam,

**LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005**  
**OCCASIONAL LICENCE APPLICATION**  
**PREMISES: LAUDERDALE HOTEL, 1 EDINBURGH ROAD, LAUDER**  
**APPLICANT: MOIRA AINSLIE, [REDACTED]**

I refer to the above application and in terms of Section 58(1)(a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, I make the following objection.

The applicant seeks to operate a licensed gin bar and beer tent at a garden area of the Lauderdale Hotel on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017, with operating hours of 10:00 and 22:00 hours.

The purpose of the application is for Lauder Common Riding festivities, including live music. There is no indication of any stewarding arrangements, children and young people will be present, however the number attending is unknown but they will be in family groups and the commencement of 10am is outside current Licensing Board policy.

The premise is a large building containing a public bar and two large halls for functions.

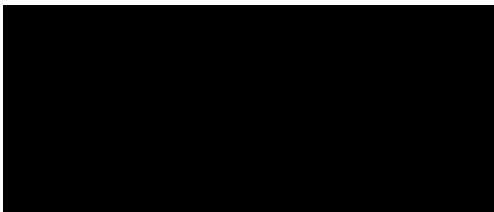
Historically Lauder has had issues with alcohol related disorder during their Common Riding, resulting in a significant commitment of resources into the early hours. Any application to increase the amount of alcohol available is a concern.

The Lauderdale Hotel is already a gathering point and is busy front and back, throughout the day with people who have clearly been drinking spilling onto the road, which is the A68 main trunk route. There have also been some issues last year with smashed bottles in the town; again the concern is that this would also increase if there were an external beer tent.

It is the Police position that the premise currently has adequate facilities to provide the services detailed in the application without the additional supply of alcohol in the garden.

For these reasons, and in terms of Section 58(1)(a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, Police Scotland object to the application specifically in relation to the grounds for refusal at Section 59(6)(c) of the same Act in respect of the Prevention of and Crime and Disorder, Securing Public Safety, and Preventing Public Nuisance and Protecting Children from Harm.

Yours faithfully



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